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UNCLAS. OCTOBER 6. MAVERICK LOW CIRCULATION LA CRONICA  
OCTOBER 5 EDITORIAL BRINGS BACK THE QUESTION OF POLITICAL  
PRISONERS IN EL SALVADOR, MAKING SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO  
PRESIDENT ROMERO'S SEPTEMBER 12 PRESS CONFERENCE WHERE HE  
PROMISED THAT "THE PRISON GATES WOULD BE OPENED TO FREE  
PERSONS BEING HELD UNJUSTLY, OR TO REFER THEM TO THE CIVIL  
COURTS FOR LEGAL PROCESS."

NEWSPAPER DIRECTOR, JOSE NAPOLEO GONZALEZ, WHO SIGNS THE  
EDITORIAL, EXPECTS COMPLIANCE WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL PROMISE  
AND EXHORTS THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE TO INSIST  
ON THE STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE EXISTING LAWS, WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION.

"WE ARE CONVINCED"--HE SAYS-- "THAT ONLY THROUGH THE RESPECT  
FOR LEGAL NORMS WILL WE BE ABLE TO CONSIDER OURSELVES ACTING  
IN A CIVILIZED MANNER. BY COMPLYING WITH THIS IMPERATIVE  
DUTY (FREEING THE POLITICAL PRISONERS), WE WILL BE ABLE TO  
ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE IN THE SEARCH FOR CONCRETE  
SOLUTIONS TO THE MIRIAD SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WHICH  
PLAGUE THE MAJORITY OF OUR CITIZENS.

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"WE WANT THAT THE CLEAR AND PRECISE CONCEPTS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS  
BECOME A REALITY IN OUR COUNTRY. IT IS FOR THIS REASON  
THAT WE ARE OBLIGED TO FIGHT, FIRST OF ALL, FOR THE FREEDOM  
OF ALL INNOCENT PEOPLE WHO ARE IN PRISON AS A RESULT OF POLITICAL  
REPRISALS."

SPANISH EXCERPTS FOLLOW:

NOSOTROS RECLAMAMOS EN ESTA COLUMNA EDITORIAL, LA MATERIALI-  
ZACION DE ESTE OFRECIMIENTO PRESIDENCIAL Y PEDIMOS AL GOBIER-  
NO Y A TODOS NUESTROS COMPATRIOTAS, REFLEXIONAR SERIAMENTE EN  
LA CONVENIENCIA DE SOMETERNOS TODOS, SIN DISTINCION ALGUNA,  
AL MANDATO DE LAS LEYES VIGENTES EN EL PAIS.  
ESTAMOS CONVENCIDOS QUE SOLO RESPETANDO LAS NORMAS LEGALES,  
PODREMOS ADENTRARNOS POR LOS CAUCE CIVILIZADOS Y EL CUM-  
PLIMIENTO DE ESTE IMPERIOSO DEBER, NOS CONDUZCA A UNA MAYOR  
CONVIVENCIA PACIFICA, EN LA  
BUSQUEDA DE SOLUCIONES CONCRETAS  
AL MAR DE PROBLEMAS SOCIALES Y ECONOMICOS QUE ATORMENTAN A  
LAS MAYORIAS CIUDADANAS.  
QUEREMOS QUE EL CONCEPTO CLARO Y PRECISO DE LOS DERECHOS  
HUMANOS, LLEGUE A TENER PLENA VIVENCIA EN NUESTRA PATRIA  
Y POR ELLO ES QUE ESTAMOS OBLIGADOS A LUCHAR, EN PRIMER  
LUGAR, POR LA LIBERTAD DE TODOS LOS INOCENTES, PRISIONEROS  
POR RAZONES DE REPRESALIAS POLITICA.  
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